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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] ICS/PRD

SUBJECT : Action Required Now on Report,
Economic Intelligence For National
Security

1. The Director of Central Intelligence becomes, by his decision of 22 September 1975, the recipient of the subject report. He is the official responsible for approving the report's recommendations as well as the courses of action proposed to implement the recommendations. Both of these are to be spelled out in the final draft of the report to the DCI.

2. The basic responsibility for determining the proper locus of action on each recommendation, by the DCI decision of 22 September, is given to the IC Staff. However, I believe that the lion's share of work to make these determinations lies with the legal staffs. What we need to resolve, with respect to the recommendations is:

a. Which of these are within the present authority of the DCI to carry out, and

b. Which of these are now outside the DCI's present authority to make changes, and therefore will require:

(1) White House action, either a memorandum from the President or an Executive Order, or

(2) Attorney General action, spelling out the meaning and interpretation of the law, or

(3) Congressional action in the form of new legislation.

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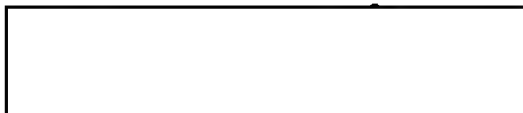
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3. The IC/PRD Memorandum of 24 September to Special Counsel Rogovin, which forwarded a draft copy of the subject report, asks for a meeting with him in the near future. A copy of this memorandum went to [REDACTED] the DD/OGC. I believe, as a matter of some urgency, we should now request a meeting as soon as possible with each of these gentlemen, to impress upon them that the ball is now in their court, and that unless the final edition of the subject report is to be bogged down, we need reasonably prompt action. The latter would be aided greatly if each would designate a staff member who will have the responsibility for making the legal determinations in the first instance, and serve as a continuing point of contact for us.

4. Parallel to the legal effort, I can move ahead to clarify and expand the reasoning behind each recommendation, and draft sections where the DCI's authority now seems assured. However, when this is completed, it will need to be reviewed by the legal staffs before incorporation in the final draft.

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